

Dear Sir,

Rich^d Clarke Esq
Leicester Square Feb^y 28th 1796

I am favored with yours of 27th Jan^y by Maj^r Ueguhart, and am by it happily relieved of the anxiety I have suffered from the apprehensions of the distemper which you, and my other friends in Boston might be exposed to, and the account the Major gives of a large supply from Halifax which had lately arrived, (I presume after the date of your letter,) and of a further quantity that was expected from Capt^d Wallis, makes me hope that you will get through the winter with some degree of comfort, after which I trust you will be effectually relieved.

We have got all the articles which were prepared, aboard the Donation Ship, which I am told will sail in a day or two, and I hope that they will not come to you unseasonably, especially as I trust no freight will be asked, but of this I am not yet certain.

I have got the measure of the Shoes from Mrs Wilkins, & shall have the shoes conform'd in a good measure to your directions, but have not yet found a way to send them, I can't send them by the Donation ship as I don't know any person going in her. I expect some of our Countrymen will be returning soon, and that one or other of them will do me the favor to take them; Mrs Wilkins sent me your letter to her, and writes me that she feared it would not be in their power to send the articles you write for on the terms you mention; I think I have wrote, that I don't see any way of sending you any live Stock from hence; as to the method you mention of preserving fresh meat, I have enquired about it as I have had opportunity, & shall make further enquiries, & if I should be satisfied that it will answer, I will have some put up, if I see any opportunity

opportunity of sending it to you -

I note your directions about your money in my hand, grounded on the rise of exchange, and the uncertainty of the place where you may be; as to the last I have wrote what I know of the plan which I suppose you refer to, to Judge Oliver; and If I should know of any future alteration, I shall endeavor to advise you of it; at present I think you may make your self easy on this point. I presume it to be your intention to keep this money in hand, that if an opportunity of improving it to considerable advantage in the way we thought of, should present, it may not be out of our power to make use of it. I have wrote you before of the difficulty of placing money in private hands with safety, and of the precariousness of the public funds at this present juncture, I shall in the mean time be endeavoring to find out some safe way of improving it here, in case there should be no encouragement to send it out, or the difficulty of doing this, arising from the restraining Act should be too great.

The account w^{ch} comes to us of the defeat of the rebels at Quebec is generally believed here, excepting by those who wish it may not prove true, of which party the number in this City is not small; ~~but~~ but I am well informed, that the present measures with respect to America, ~~have~~ are supported by a very great majority of the nation; and there is some appearance of Government gaining ground in the City, last evening the poll for a Chamberlain, a place of 2000 flans was closed after a hot contest of 8 Days, between Mr. Wilkes & Mr. Hopkins, when the latter had 170 votes more than the former, although the former was warmly supported by the Lord Mayor.

I am with my love to Sister & the Children

Your affectionate Brother
Richard Clarke

March 1st I have sent to Mrs Portland's lodgings a box,
cont'd the shoes for your Children, and some for Mrs Brom-
field & my Son Naddy, and the Salsolal wth you wrote for, the
box is directed for Mrs Portland from Mr. Clarke, and a
direction for you on a Card in the box, the rubark is
in brown paper directed for you, the box would not hold
it. I enclose acc'd of these articles; I find the shoes are
not exactly conform'd to y^r direction to Mrs Wilkins,
as what you wrote have differ'd something from
your order to me, by wth I had directed the shoes to
be made. We have got all the provisions aboard
the Ship, saving some part of the Potatoes, they are
shipt on the equal acc'd of you & Mrs Bromfield, and
you must divide them between you, this affair could not
be done any other way. I have not yet got the acc'd
or receipt for them, but expect to receive them in one
hour or two, when I shall enclose them in another
paper, being oblig'd to make up the packet of several
letters now before me. A. Dice

J. R. Clarke

The present circumstances would not permit saving
the drawback on the Rhubarb. Mr Waldo gave me
yesterday your directions for 3 pl. shoes for your self.
I shall send them as soon as I can.

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To

Isaac Winslow Esq

Boston

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